(*d*) How many major operations were performed by Dr. Ponnuswami Pillai from Kumbham, 1098, to Vrischikam, 1099 ?

(*e*) What were the diseases in those cases ?

(*f*) How many of them were successful ?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Statements* furnishing the required information are laid on the table.

Unsuccessful Surgical Operations by Dr. Ponnuswami Pillai.

316. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*) : (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether in Vrischikam, 1099, a patient who was operated upon in the General Hospital met with instant death as the result of a subsequent operation performed on him by Dr. Ponnuswami Pillai ?

(*b*) What was the disease for which he was operated upon originally ?

(*c*) Who performed that operation ?

(*d*) For what disease was the subsequent operation performed ?

(*e*) Who were the medical officers who helped Dr. Ponnuswami Pillai at the time of the second operation ?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) to (*d*) A patient was operated upon by Dr. Ponnuswami Pillai, for strangulated hernia of four days' duration with bad symptoms. The patient died. There was no second operation.

(*e*) The question does not arise.

Transhipment of Cargo at the Alleppey Port.

317. MR. C. RAMANKUNJU (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) how many tons of cargo were landed from and loaded into steamers and Indian craft at the port of Alleppey during 1097 and 1098 by boats owned by merchants and non-merchants, respectively ;

(*b*) how many lighters are owned by merchants and non-merchants respectively ;

(*c*) how many complaints of loss of cargo were preferred by *tindals* of lighters owned by merchants and non-merchants, respectively, during 1097 and 1098, and what was the amount of loss involved in each case ;

(*d*) how much of the loss occurred during night time ;

(*e*) for how many days in 1098 the lighters were allowed to ply at night ; and

(*f*) whether boats are allowed to ply during night in the Cochin Port, and if not, how the authorities there manage to restrict the shipping to day-time ?

* *Vide* appendix III A and B—pages 1094 and 1095.

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[Mr. Joseph Panjikaran.]

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No separate records are maintained.

(*b*) The number of cargo boats owned by

(1) merchants—12

(2) non-merchants—19

(*c*) The number of protests noted by *tindals* of boats owned by—

(1) merchants—*nil* in 1097 and 14 in 1098.

(2) non-merchants— 22 in 1097 and 49 in 1098. No information is available as to the amount of loss involved.

(*d*) Five in 1097 and 10 in 1098.

(*e*) 16.

(*f*) Boats are allowed to ply at night in the Cochin Port. No restriction is placed on shipping during day-time unless bad weather sets in.

Roman Catholic Graduates in the Land Revenue Commissioner's Office.

318. MR. JOSEPH PANJIKARAN (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of Roman Catholic graduates, if any, entertained in the Land Revenue Commissioner's office after the separation of Devaswoms from the Land Revenue Department; and

(*b*) if any such Roman Catholics have been entertained, the period of their service?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Two, *viz.*, Messrs. T. J. Zachariah and S. Francis.

(*b*) The service of Mr. Zachariah in the Land Revenue Commissioner's office was 3 months and 19 days from the 14th Minam, 1098. He had a break of ten days during that period.

The first appointment of Mr. Francis was sanctioned by Government on the 8th May, 1924.

Appointment of a Brahmin Graduate in the Land Revenue Commissioner's Office.

319. MR. JOSEPH PANJIKARAN (*Shertallai*): (*a*) Is it a fact that a Brahmin graduate was appointed to a vacancy in the Land Revenue Commissioner's office in Makaram, 1099?

(*b*) What is the name of that graduate?

(*c*) Was he ever in the Travancore Government service?

(*d*) Is he a Travancorean?

(*e*) When did he graduate?

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